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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculation of fees for the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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